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Mr. Michael K. Powell Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Communications regulation

I listened to the hearings today; broadcast on Pacifica, and was rather surprised to hear that the proponents of further deregulation on media communications are of the opinion that most - if not all of us, are somehow not in touch the realities of the 'Free Market'.

In the first place, by definition: there is no control of a free market. Free markets have been shown throughout western economic history to reel 'out of control'. Contemporary markets in transportation and energy — I would think, should at the very least inform [our] governmental agencies that the free market in any socio economic situation leads to disaster, and in my opinion, those who ignore these facts ought not to serve our U.S. Government in any capacity.

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